

Bristol Fish Committee
Minutes
Fish Ladder
Sept 7, 2023
7pm

Committee members present:

Jay Crooker
Rick Poland
Brent Fogg
Shannon Mahan

Discussion of what has been done (by Rick) to get the ladder ready for the Winter. Rick had removed the upper boards from the plunge pool exit, but was unable by himself to remove the lower ones. Shannon says he will get the lower ones out tomorrow morning. All boards across top of the dam removed, and gate at spillway left as is (closed for now). Water dropping quite a bit. Once boards are removed, spillway water level should drop enough that the aluminum gate can be retrieved. The gate was dropped in the pool when removing from top of the dam during the high water event a couple month ago.

Rick and Brent recover a board in the water that Rick had removed that morning and placed on the edge of the plunge pool. Someone appears to have messed with the board and thrown it in the river,

Discussion of closing off public access to the lower pools and horseshoe area. People keep moving boards and it is a dangerous area. Jay mentions idea of having the inside fencing continue straight across the ladder, and continue to the river's edge.

Also, the idea of a shed is brought up. This would be at bottom landing below the ladder, and used to store tools and boards/gates for the ladder and dam.

Discussion of when the cap stone work will be done on the ladder. Jay says he will contact Peter Anderson to firm up dates on when work will be completed, so that further planning for permanent fencing at the ladder can be started.

Meeting was adjourned at 750pm

Next meeting to be announced (likely the second Thursday in October)